

104TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

S. RES. 109

Extending the appreciation and gratitude of the United States Senate to Senator Robert C. Byrd, on the completion by the Senator of the 4 volume treatise entitled “The History of the United States Senate”, and for other purposes.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

APRIL 7 (legislative day, APRIL 5), 1995

Mr. DASCHLE (for himself and Mr. DOLE) submitted the following resolution;
which was considered and agreed to

RESOLUTION

Extending the appreciation and gratitude of the United States Senate to Senator Robert C. Byrd, on the completion by the Senator of the 4 volume treatise entitled “The History of the United States Senate”, and for other purposes.

Whereas Senator Robert C. Byrd on Friday, March 21, 1980, delivered on the floor of the Senate, an extemporaneous address on the history, customs, and traditions of the Senate;

Whereas on the following Friday, March 28, 1980, the Senator delivered a second, and once more spontaneous, installment of his chronicle on the Senate;

Whereas the first 2 speeches generated such intense interest that several Senators and others asked Senator Byrd to continue the speeches, particularly in anticipation of the forthcoming bicentennial of the Senate in 1989;

Whereas over the following decade Senator Byrd delivered 100 additional addresses on various aspects of the political and institutional history of the Senate;

Whereas in anticipation of commemorating the 200th anniversary of the Senate, Congress in 1987 authorized publication of the addresses in suitable illustrated book-length editions;

Whereas between 1988 and 1994, Senator Byrd meticulously supervised preparation of 4 volumes, including a 39 chapter chronological history, a 28 chapter topical history, a compilation of 46 classic Senate speeches, and a 700 page volume of historical statistics;

Whereas volumes in this series have received national awards for distinction from organizations such as the American Library Association and the Society for History in the Federal Government;

Whereas the 4 volume work, entitled “The History of the United States Senate”, is the most comprehensive history of the Senate that has been written and published;

Whereas Senator Byrd has devoted tireless energy and tremendous effort to the preparation and publication of the historical books, enabling citizens of the United States to better understand the history, traditions, and uniqueness of the Senate; and

Whereas a better understanding by people of the Senate and the role of the Senate in our constitutional system of government will foster respect and appreciation for the

democratic traditions of the United States: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved*, That the United States Senate extends con-
2 gratulations and appreciation to Senator Robert C. Byrd
3 for completing “The History of the United States Sen-
4 ate”, a monumental achievement that will educate and in-
5 spire citizens of the United States about the Senate for
6 generations to come.

